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BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PROVIDED FOLLOWING REPLY TO JORISSEN (VU) QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT REPORTED REFTEL B: (EMBASSY TRANSLATION.) "BELGIUM LIKE OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERS THE USSR'S ANNEXATION OF THE BALTIC STATES AS CONTRARY TO LAW, AND THEREFORE, HAS NOT RECOGNIZED THE ANNEXATIONS DE JURE. THIS POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE ANNEXATIONS IN 1940.

"AS TO THE MATTER OF THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF BALTIC GOVERNMENTS IN EXILE, IT IS NOT EXACT THAT 30 STATES MAINTAIN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THEM; ONLY ONE OR TWO DO SO. BELGIUM IS NOT AMONG THESE. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, ONLY ONE BALTIC GOVERNMENT IN EXILE STILL EXISTS -THE ESTONIAN GOVERNMENT WHOSE SEAT IS IN COPENHAGEN." RENNER

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